

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On Page 1, lines 3-4, please amend paragraph [0001] as follows:

[0001] This application is a divisional application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/932,617 filed August 17, 2001, now allowed, which ~~This invention~~ claims the benefits of U.S. provisional patent application Serial Number 60/226,503, filed August 18, 2000, now abandoned.

On page 8, lines 1-12, please amend paragraph [0029] as follows:

[0029] In detail, one application of such Patch is described as follows. A special solution is used to kill the cells and wash out all the soluble biological material which might initiate an immuno-rejection and further enhance and prolong the inflammatory process. Initiation of immune reaction and undue inflammation is not desirable. It is envisaged that such a product, when kept sterile, refrigerated and moist, will have a favorable shelf life. By intervening between the incision in the pericardium and the heart, the Patch is made to be the target of the mechanism of adhesion formation at the critical time when the adhesion formation would normally take place. Upon dissolution of the patch, the critical phase of the tissue repair process during which the adhesions are formed has passed and the pericardium and the ~~heart~~ heart are well separated from each other. It is desirable after the closure of the chest cavity there is minimal inflammation as a result of implantation of the patch. ~~This application would be most suitable for emergency surgical cases.~~